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Sir.

The Office Action of July 28, 2003 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on October 28, 2003. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

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